

# Gathered Smiles

## WRONG CUE.

One of the new members of congress is a very young man who, when he was making his campaign, had a great eye for publicity. As he was appealing particularly to the labor element, he went out a story telling how he liked to work on iron. Later, in order to make good on the story, he had a small blacksmith shop built near his estate.

One day a delegation of labor men called on him and he boasted about his enthusiasm for making shoes for his own horses out of straight bars of iron. He took the delegation to the shop.

"Jack," he called out, when within a few yards of the shop, "where are some of those iron bars I use for making horseshoes?"

"They're all in here," Jack called back. "I ain't had time to straighten 'em out since you hammered 'em up for that delegation yesterday."—Popular Magazine.

## Recent Horror.

The Doctor—The janitor of the building where I live says his father and grandfather made their living by working at similar jobs in the old country.

The Professor (slightly irritated)—Well, what do you want me to say? That he follows in the footsteps of his progenitors?

## LAST CRY.



Wife—I got another new hat today. Hubby—My dear, that is the last straw.

Wife—I know it—just from Paris.

## Mum.

A mollusk came to our first parent to be named.

"Er—oyster!" announced Adam, after considering a moment.

Now, divers other creatures, having got theirs, were loitering about to pick up what of consolation they might, and a number of these burst out laughing hereupon.

"Just think how mum you'll have to be!" they jeered.—Puck.

## Might Have Done Worse.

"Hello, old man," greeted a tactful friend. "Glad to see you looking so well. I can't pretend that I haven't heard the news, and you will allow me as an old friend to say that I'm sorry your wife ran away from you."

"Thanks," groaned the other. "But after all, she might do worse than she has done, you know."

## Owning Up.

"It is a restricted neighborhood, a very fashionable suburb."

"Think I could get in?"

"Why not? You are able to build a \$20,000 house. Your character is good. You have a charming wife."

"Yes; but there's no use trying to conceal it. We have a baby."

## HEARTLESS OBSERVATION.



Ethel—She says she will marry even on his slender salary.

Elsie—Yes; I never yet saw a man whose income was so small that some one was not willing to divide it with him.

Napoleon Lost Something, Too.

Host—That is the sword of my great uncle. He lost his arm at Waterloo.

Guest—Yes, it's a terrible place for losing things. I lost a bat there only last week!—London Opinion.

## Their Compulsion.

"Isn't it strange that dressmakers, of all people, would smuggle?"

"Why is it strange of them?"

"Because the necessities of their trade compel them to lead a pattern life."

## USUAL THING.



Mr. Hixon (on the way home from church)—You had a most intent and interested look in your expression during the services. Did the sermon impress you?

Mrs. Hixon—No, I guess I was trying to figure out how Mrs. Muchgold had her hat trimmed.

## Speeding Him.

Mr. Weerius was making a call.

"I never take any chances with holdup men," he remarked, looking at his watch to fill up a pause in the conversation. "When I am likely to be out late at night I always carry my dollar watch."

"Why, there's no danger this time, is there?" smiled his hostess. "It's only nine o'clock, and it certainly won't take you more than half an hour to get home."

## Backward.

"In China everything is done backward," said the wise guy.

"Not now," protested the old fogey. "China is a republic."

"What of it?" demanded the wise guy. "They went to work and freed themselves and then, after establishing a republic, they issued a declaration of independence."

## Her Specialty.

"I should think that lady astronomer would be interested in her little boy's dirty face."

"Oh, she's too much absorbed in her studies of the sky to keep her child's face clean."

"But that's just why she should pay attention. Isn't the dirt, spots on the son?"

## SEEING DOUBLE.



Mrs. Collier Down (at 3 a. m.)—You're a sight. If you could see your self as others see you!

Mr. Collier Down (intoxicated)—Shay, if you could—see yourself as I see you—hic—you'd think you were—hic—the two-headed woman—hic—in the museum.

## Annual Appeal.

O people of the city,  
List to the Health Board's cry:  
Solar plexus the mosquito,  
And swat the festive fly!

## Favorite Fiction.

"Not a Headache in a Gallon of It."

"Why, of course, Bill, I know you'll Pay It When You Can, but—"

"French Taught in Six Easy Lessons."

"No, She Wasn't at Home—and I Was Glad of It."

"Doctor, I Watch Every Bite That Goes Into His Mouth."

"It Costs Me Next to Nothing for Repairs."

"All Business Strictly Confidential."

## Gifts.

They both had sections of the paper.

"Here's a New York man gives his wife a diamond necklace," said she. "Nothing like that ever happens to me."

"Well," said he, "here's a Chicago man gives his wife a black eye. Nothing like that ever happens to you, either, my dear."—Judge.

## How Odd.

"The Bhonglish have a queer way of doing things."

"What of them?"

"In that country they always have a soldier for secretary of war and a sailor for secretary of the navy."

## He Meant Greensward.

"Your husband says you are going to have a nice lawn this summer," remarked the friendly suburbanite.

"That's good news," said Mrs. Way out. "I hadn't expected anything better than a cheap ginghams."

## COVENANT IN GOD

Real Significance of Fact That Is Conveyed in Stone Pointing Upward.

Jacob left such a stone at Bethel. It was a witness to the fact that a soul had been deeply conscious of the presence, the forgiveness, the call, and the protection of God, and had entered into a covenant with him. In that stone pointing upward Jacob had already begun to be a blessing to all the families of the earth. If all the church towers and spires in Christendom were gathered into a sky-line, what a reaching heavenward of human aspiration they would reveal. That is what they are: stones pointing upward, and bearing witness to the upward reach of the soul of man.

In many places throughout the land there are points where humanity gathers and looks out toward the greatest natural beauty that appears in the distance. There is Cliff House at San Francisco; there are observation points at Niagara; there are "inspiration points" in the great mountain regions; there are the ocean piers at seaside resorts; places that stand as witnesses to the impulse that humanity has to admire and get as near as possible to the beautiful. So are the church spires witnesses to the fact that souls of men are athirst for God. They mark the places where men gather to give their souls a chance to look heavenward.

## Have Special Drawing Power.

And these points have a drawing power. They draw people to them, until towns and cities and business and commerce have been built up about them. They draw until highways of travel are opened to them as centers. They multiply the value of real estate. Travelers are glad to pay special prices for the privilege of being near these drawing points. The stones pointing upward have the same power. Church spires draw buildings up in the air. Sky-scrapers are not to be found except where church spires point downward. Where these are lacking men live in huts, and the comforts of modern Christian civilization are not to be found. If men could know today the places out on the plains, where church spires would point heavenward in twenty-five years from now, they would rush there today to buy land. The points in heathen lands where missionaries go to preach the everlasting gospel, are the places that will be the great centers of influence in the years to come. Business, commerce, manufactures, all things flourish in the light of the gospel of peace.

It is in the consciousness of God that the soul of man develops. It is in the light of God's truth that man grows a conscience and a character. And where these develop everything else prospers. Christianity is the most practical thing in the world today. It blesses everything that it touches.

It is a great thing to go out into a land that lies in darkness of ignorance and superstition, and plant even a single stone that shall direct the gaze and the thought of the people to God. How little did Jacob realize how much the world would hear of the stone that he set up at Bethel. Let us claim God's promise too, and set the stones that voice the aspirations of the soul of man, until all the families of the earth shall be blessed in us.—United Presbyterian.

## God's Promise to Mankind.

"For the Lord God is a sun and a shield; the Lord will give grace and glory; no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly."—Ps. 84:11.

This is the Christian's great promise in the day of disappointment; for disappointment will come in greater or less degree, to every one who has to go through God's discipline on the way to God's Kingdom of Glory. Many things which seem good will God withhold—even as a father withholds perilous things from his little child's grasp. Much seems to us good that is not good, or at least, not good for us. Many things seem to us to be of evil which are good, and are therefore sent to us. Let us place full trust in his wisdom, and in his love, who, whatever he withholds does not withhold the best things, even "grace and glory." When he sees fit to disappoint our hopes and to deny us something on which our affections have been earnestly set, let us ask him to give us such a sight of those higher blessings which he has not withheld that our minds may rise in faith and love to the full belief that if the good we desired had really been good for us, he would have bestowed it upon us, since he bestows better things.

## Morning With God.

Arise very early in the morning and spend an hour in the study and affirmation of noble and exalted thoughts that relate your soul to divinity. Then pray to the radiant sun of wisdom for the light of love divine and you will feel that your mind is lifted up and exalted into a higher state of consciousness. As you thus abide in communion with the father-mother—the positive heart of the universal mind—you will realize that your prayers and aspirations have opened an interior door and your soul is being fed on the manna of heaven so that its potential life is made substantial and vital, and all through the day you will feel the happy effects of this early morning talk with God.—Edward DeVoe, in Nautilus.

They love least that let men know their love.—Shakespeare

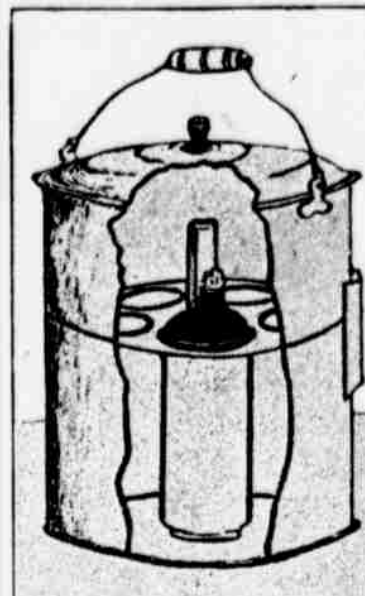
## TO PASTEURIZE MILK

Most Effectually Done in Bottles in Which Received.

Good Results May Be Secured by Using Ordinary Tin Pail With Plate Inverted to Permit Circulation of Water.

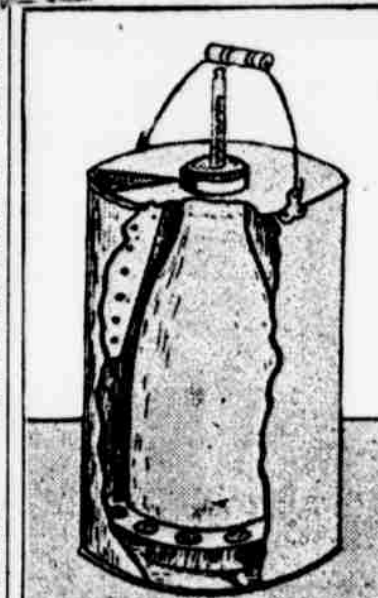
(By J. F. FRANDSEN.)

Milk can be pasteurized most efficiently in the bottles in which it is received. To do this a small tin pail with a perforated false bottom can be used. If a special pail is not at hand, the same results can be secured by using an ordinary tin pail with an in-



Arrangement for Pasteurizing Milk.

verted tin placed in the bottom of the same. This false bottom is placed in the pail so as to permit circulation of water and prevent bumping of the bottles. An accurate thermometer should be placed in the water or in one of the bottles. Set the bottles of milk in the pail and fill with water nearly level with the milk in the bottles. Place the pail with the milk bottles on the stove and heat until the thermometer indicates a temperature of from 150 to 160 degrees F. The pail and bottles should then be removed from the stove and allowed to stand 25 minutes in the hot water. Now remove the cover and place the pail under a cold water faucet, allowing the water to run slowly into the pail. Continue until all the hot water has been replaced with the cold water and the temperature of the milk has been reduced to about that of the water. This is the cheapest and most



Pail for Efficient Pasteurizing and Cooling of Milk.

efficient way of cooling and will also prevent breaking of bottles. The milk can then be conveyed to the refrigerator and placed on ice until required for use.

It is well to remember that pasteurized milk should not be used for the feeding of children after it is 24 hours old.

## Cultivating Corn.

The purposes of interculture tillage are, first, to kill weeds; second, to keep the surface soil receptive to rainfall; third, to prevent the evaporation of soil moisture. Cultivating corn four inches deep, as compared with two inches deep, may reduce the yield ten per cent, owing to pruning the roots. Four or five cultivations are usually sufficient.

More frequent cultivations have not been shown to increase the yield when the soil is not unduly compacted from heavy rainfall, provided it is free from weeds.

## Salt for Hard Worker.

Horses at hard work and on full grain feed should have salt often. A good way is to keep a lump of rock salt in the corner of each feed box—they are the best judges of the amount of salt they require, and if afforded a constant supply will not eat too much.

## Care for Colt's Feet.

Take half a day to examine and trim up your colt's feet. Many young horses are injured by letting their feet grow wild.

## Equal Chance for All.

It is an easy matter to put all the little pigs together to be fed by themselves or to enlarge the troughs so they may all have an equal chance.

## DANGER OF BLIND STAGGERS

Kansas Experiment Station Finds Disease Caused by Poison in Mold and Filth on Corn Ears.

Information coming from widely separated places show that the corn worm is causing injury and death to farm animals by infecting them and giving them blind staggers. Following is an extract from an article in Farm and Fireside:

For five or six years occasional outbreaks of blind staggers in horses have attracted attention. During this time the Kansas experiment station has been making an experimental study of this disease and its origin. Its exact cause is still only partially understood, but enough has been learned to place the blame safely on poison in the mold and filth found on ears damaged by the corn-eat worm.

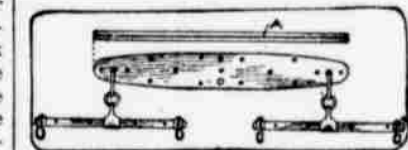
The eggs of the adult insect causing this trouble are laid in the husks of the young ear. After hatching the ear-worm burrows through the soft young kernels, leaving its filth, which, with the escaping juices of the corn, furnishes the best possible medium for the development of the seed mold and putrid decay. Sufficient of this poisonous material remains in the corn-cobs and corn to cause a gradual poisoning of the horses consuming any considerable quantity of the damaged corn.

The loss of horses in Kansas and a number of other states from blind staggers has been found to be incurable, even by a skilled veterinarian, unless the treatment is begun early.

## TO REINFORCE A DOUBLETREE

Can Be Made of Oak Boards With Piece of Metal Between Them—Hold Strongest Team.

A reinforced doubletree can be made of two one-inch oak boards with a piece of metal, A, between them. The metal should be about 3-16-inch thick. All three pieces should be cut and shaped alike and riveted together. The singletrees are made in the same



Reinforced Doubletree.

manner. They are not difficult to make and will hold the strongest team, besides outlasting a dozen ordinary doubletrees.

## SOWING SEEDS TOO THICKLY

Practice Should Be Discouraged as Overcrowding Undermines Cultivation of Plants.

(By W. R. GILBERT.)

Thick sowing must be guarded against. Each seed should have room to grow without crushing or injuring its neighbor.

Overcrowding undermines the cultivation of plants at the start and it is long before, if ever, they outgrow it.

Of course, small plants or seeds may be sown more thickly than the larger ones, but relatively they ought really not to be sown thicker.

Each plant should have sufficient room to develop its cotyledons and one leaf before it is thinned or pricked out.

Every year vegetable crops are much injured by being sown too thickly and perhaps it is hardly too much to affirm that most gardeners would be the gainers were only half the seed sown that there is now.

As to what to sow the seed in, the lighter the seed bed the better.

Few seeds will vegetate in a lower temperature than 40 degrees and in the range of 20 degrees all seeds will grow.

## Cause of "White Comb."

"White comb" in fowls is caused by decayed food, impure water and overcrowding in dark and filthy houses. There is a scurvy appearance to the comb and wattles, head and neck, with a gradual loss of feathers from the head and neck. Treatment consists in removing to clean quarters and giving wholesome food. At night give a teaspoonful of castor oil, after which add daily a teaspoonful of good condition powder to the soft food, and anoint the head and afflicted parts with vaseline. The castor oil need only be given once.

## Egg-Laying Contest.

Egg laying contests are now being carried on in many states of the union, and they are serving as an excellent stimulus to the utility side of the poultry industry. While they never have and never will prove that one breed or variety is superior to all others, they do prove conclusively that careful breeding in certain strains or families of fowls increase the egg production away above the average, and thus boosts the returns to even larger proportions.

## For Quick Growth.

Every element required for quick growth and full development in pullets is found in milk, oatmeal, chapped clover and bran, and in such well-balanced proportions that the digestive organs will not be overtaxed in any way.

## Sheep Fertilizer.

On hillside where coarser animal waste would hardly stick long enough to do the ground any good sheep droppings take the place of a specially prepared fertilizer.

## TEMPERANCE NOTES

Conducted by the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

## ALCOHOL A CRIME PRODUCER

When Taken in Large Quantities Digestive Organs Are Deranged and Other Harm Is Wrought.

"When alcohol is taken habitually in large quantities," says Professor Brubaker in his physiology, published last year, "it deranges the activities of the digestive organs, lowers the body temperature, impairs muscle power, lessens the resistance to depressing external conditions, diminishes the capacity for sustained work, and leads to the development of structural changes in the connective tissue of the brain, spinal cord and other organs."

Dr. DeWitt G. Wilcox, a lecturer at the Boston University School of Medicine, quoting the above in a recent public address, said:

"It is this structural change in the brain produced by alcohol which interests us from the standpoint of the criminologist. We have seen that slight changes in the brain structures, such as pressure from depressed fragments of bone or even adhesions of membranes, may produce marked effects upon temperament and judgment. Alcohol and other powerful cotics are like a depressed fracture of the skull; the longer they continue to exert their pressure the more impossible does it become to restore the brain to a normal condition. Eventually the brain tissue undergoes irreparable changes, and the possessor is an abnormal man with possible criminal tendencies."

"Were our government to license certain men to go about the streets and crack on the head with a club a stipulated number of men, and were that blow gauged sufficiently accurate to produce in each instance a depressed fracture of the skull in each victim, he or the government would be doing no more to create criminals, idiots, invalids and paupers than we are now doing by licensing certain men to sell alcohol to a stipulated number of men whose brain tissue will not stand the assaults of repeated doses of alcohol."

"We need to be re-educated upon the subject of alcoholism and the textbook from which we should learn the new facts should have the title, 'Alcoholism is a disease and like all other preventable disease it must and shall be eradicated.' Then it behooves physicians, teachers, educators, judges, jurists, legislators and parents to carry on a campaign of education which shall be so enlightening that a normal person would no more think of taking alcohol into his system than he would think of taking typhoid or tuberculosis or syphilis germs."

## WHEN DRINKER SAW HIMSELF

Verbatim Report of Conversation Young Man of Fine Family Had With Friend Who Reforms Him.

A young man of fine family, with splendid gifts, heedless of the pleadings of friends, was going down fast through drink.

A friend of his, seated near him in a restaurant one evening, overheard a conversation which he was having with his companion. He was just drunk enough to be talkative about his private affairs, which, in his sober moments, he would never have revealed. The friend, being a court stenographer, took a full report of every word he said, and the next day sent him a copy. In less than ten minutes in he came, exclaiming, "What is this?"

"A stenographic report of your monologue at the restaurant last evening," said his friend.

"Did I really talk like that?" he asked faintly.

"I assure you it is an absolutely verbatim report," was the reply.

Turning pale he walked out. He never drank another drop.

## LIQUOR TRAFFIC IN AFRICA

Immense Quantities of Whisky, Brandy, Gin, Rum and Absinthe Sent to the Dark Continent.

Amount of liquor passing Madeira, a port of registry, for the coast of Africa, in one week: 28,000 cases of whisky, 30,000 cases of brandy, 30,000 cases of Old Tom, 36,000 barrels of rum, 800,000 demijohns of rum, 24,000 butts of rum, 15,000 barrels of absinthe, 960,000 cases of gin.

In Sierra Leone during one-fourth of a year 250 tons of liquors were unloaded at a "dry town" to be transported to towns of the interior.

## What's in the Glass?

You have heard of the snake in the grass. My boy, Of the terrible snake in the grass; But now you must know, Man's deadliest foe Is the venomous snake in the glass. Alas! The venomous snake in the glass. —John G. Saxe.

## Right or Wrong.

We believe that what is physically wrong can never be morally right, what is morally wrong can never be legally right, what is legally wrong can never be politically right.